

S.B. 659

CHAPTER 367

AN ACT TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES GOVERNING NATIONAL GUARD AWARDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 127A-45 reads as rewritten:

" § 127A-45. North Carolina National Guard State Active Duty Award.

There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard State Active Duty Award which shall be a ribbon of appropriate design. This ribbon and appurtenances thereto shall be of a design approved by the Governor or his designated representative. ~~The Adjutant General of North Carolina is authorized to award this ribbon to members of the North Carolina national guard who satisfactorily serve a tour of State active duty on or after July 1, 1974, by order of the Governor and said tour of State active duty having been designated by the Adjutant General of North Carolina as worthy of this award. Said tours of State active duty designated for this award are to be of such nature as to be a distinct and notable service to a community or the State.~~ The Adjutant General of North Carolina may present this ribbon to members of the North Carolina National Guard who, by order of the Governor, satisfactorily serve a tour of State active duty. To be worthy of this award, the nature of the tour of State active duty must have been a distinct and notable service to the State or to a community, as determined by the Adjutant General of North Carolina. On or after July 1, 1991, this award may also be presented to active guard personnel and reserve personnel who satisfactorily participate in tours of State active duty."

Sec. 2. G.S. 127A-44 reads as rewritten:

" § 127A-44. North Carolina National Guard Commendation Medal.

There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard Commendation Medal which shall be of appropriate design, and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof. This medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of a design approved by the Governor or his designated representative. The Adjutant General of North Carolina or his designated representative, ~~who shall not be below the grade of general officer, who shall not be below the rank of colonel (O-6), may be authorized to award this medal.~~ Any member or former member of the armed forces discharged under honorable conditions, who distinguishes himself by his example or the performance of a specific act in behalf of the North Carolina national guard, is eligible for this award."

Sec. 3. Chapter 127A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: